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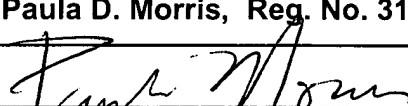
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
 - I. Claims 1-168, 211, 212, 217 and 218, drawn to a method of treating a metal surface, classified in class 148, subclass 274, 278 and 286.
 - II. Claims 169-174, 207-210, 213-216 and 219-238, drawn to a product with a chromium gradient, classified in class 428, subclass 610.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

2. Inventions I and II are related as process of making and product made. The inventions are distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) that the process as claimed can be used to make other and materially different product or (2) that the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process (MPEP § 806.05(f)). In the instant case the product can be made by a different process such as by simple chromizing.
3. During a telephone conversation with Paula Morris on 18 December 2002 a provisional election was made with traverse to prosecute the invention of group I, claims 1-168, 211, 212, 217 and 218. Affirmation of this election must be made by applicant in replying to this Office action. Claims 169-174, 207-210, 213-216 and 219-238 are withdrawn from further consideration by the examiner, 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a non-elected invention.